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of their priority bills. I thank you for your attention and I will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Chair of the Business and Labor Committee, Senator Connealy, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

**SENATOR CONNEALY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. The committee amendment would allow the Commissioner of Labor to set the application fee, which is not to exceed \$750. He can set it by rule and regulations. The amendment further requires that the fee be set with due regard to the cost of administering the program. And, finally, the committee amendment adds the emergency clause. This change was made to the original bill to ensure the fees set by the Department of Labor are appropriately set just to cover the amount that it takes to run the program. With this guideline, the department can set fees according to rules and regs. This bill is a bill that we've been working on in the Business and Labor Committee for a couple of years. This change to the Farm Labor Contractors Act is one that I believe is fair and it takes into account all the different interests. The way the law is written now, only a few farm labor contractors are subject to the act, and we found that those contractors were not even the ones who the initial act was written to encompass. The original intention of the act was to apply to contractors who hired traditional migrant workers, and the act provides that certain protections and measures for those workers. This bill will bring those contractors, who are getting around the act, and not paying the license fee, back into...under the act we believe. And at the same time, it will add some protections for those migrant workers. As Senator Stuhr says, the bill also adds a non-English-speaking interpreter for those migrants that are working and do not speak English. The bill had no opponents and advanced unanimously from committee.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Debate on those amendments, Senator Cunningham. Senator Cunningham.

**SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:** Yes. No, I didn't have my button pushed.